THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

Educational concessions to converts from depressed class Hindus.

* 124 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to refer to the debates in the Legislative Council on 25th March 1929 and the answer given to my question No. 224 on 10th August 1929 as to educational concessions to depressed classes and converts to Christianity from them and to state—

(*a*) what development has taken place in regard to such concessions in Government, local board, municipal and aided schools;

(*b*) what grievances have been brought to the notice of Government in regard to educational concessions to Christian converts from the depressed classes—new converts as well as descendants of old converts; and

(*c*) what action Government have taken to redress the grievances, if any?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) No change has taken place in regard to the concessions covered by the answer to the interpellation asked on the 10th August 1929.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Besides the concessions referred to above, district boards and municipal councils may, at their discretion, grant full-fee concessions to schedule castes pupils reading in their secondary schools. Representations have been received regarding the extension of these optional fee concessions to converts from scheduled castes. The Government have ordered that where such concessions were actually enjoyed, but were recently withdrawn, they should be restored to the pupils concerned."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" May I know whether this rule of concession to the Christian converts from the depressed classes applies to the old and new converts alike—I mean to the descendants of the old converts?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" The answer is exactly what is stated in the answer; I cannot further amplify it."

Government control over foreign lotteries and sweepstakes.

* 125 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answers given on 15th August 1938 to my questions Nos. 4 and 5, will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to

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state whether Government have since come to a final decision on the question of controlling the distribution of tickets in foreign lotteries and sweepstakes?

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN (Minister for Public Information) on behalf of the Hon. Sri K. Raman Menon:—"The matter is still under the consideration of the Government."

Administration of the Ramnad Estate by the Court of Wards.

* 126 Q.—SRI A. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the Ramnad Estate was taken charge of by the Court of Wards and the reasons for assumption of the management by the Court of Wards;

(b) what the total amount of debts payable is by the estate and how much of this was incurred by the present Raja;

(c) how long do the Government propose to continue the management of the Court of Wards and when does the Court of Wards propose to hand over the estate to the Raja;

(d) what the amounts of allowances paid are to the Raja of Ramnad and his dependants by the Court of Wards;

(e) who such dependants are and what their relationship is to the Raja;

(f) whether the Court of Wards hopes to discharge the debts within two years from the date of taking charge and if not whether the Government propose to take the estate out of the Court of Wards' management;

(g) whether any creditors of the Raja complained that their ordinary remedies to proceed against the estate are now made impossible;

(h) whether there are any junior members of the Raja's family who are entitled to maintenance;

(i) whether any of the junior members was denied his or her allowance by the Court of Wards;

(j) whether any decrees of the court have been obtained by any junior members and if so, whether such decrees for maintenance are being satisfied by the Court of Wards and if not, whether the Government will be pleased to state the reasons for withholding such maintenance;

(k) whether there is any proposal pending before the Court of Wards for leasing the whole estate; if not, what the measures are which the Court of Wards proposes to take for discharging the whole of the debts;

(l) how much has been spent by the Court of Wards since its assumption of management of tank maramat of the Ramnad Estate; and